THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (d) Do not arise.

Women employed in education sector

†2474. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of employment of women in the schools in rural and urban areas in the field of education;

(b) whether the said rate is low in rural areas; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Education being a concurrent subject, school education and hence appointment of teachers and other employees in schools are primarily in the domain of the respective State Governments. As per the Selected Educational Statistics 2003-04 compiled by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (with reference date 30.9.2003), total number of women teachers in the country at different levels of. schools is 2259916, which is 39.6% of total number of school teachers in the country. Information regarding employment rate of women in schools separately for rural and urban areas is not centrally maintained.

Identification of minority educational institutions

2475. SHRI A. VIJAYYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are many applications for identification as "minority educational institutions";

(b) if so, the details including the number of such applications and number of applications disposed, professional college-wise, State-wise, category-wise and year-wise for the last three years; and

†Original notice' of the question was received in Hindi.